

Greeters: Reynold and Deanna Entz Musician: Carol Klingenberg
Worship Leaders: Jenny Regier and Jordan Penner
Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer and Rosie Epp (316) 799-1200

Pastors Ray and Rosie's Schedules: One of them is at the church office most weekday mornings by about 9 A.M., Ray on Mon., Thur., & Fri., Rosie on Tue. & Wed. This week they'll attend a pastors' luncheon at Prairie View regarding caregivers in the congregation on Tue.; Rosie's pastor peer cluster meets (@ Zion) Tue. afternoon; they'll both attend the WDC resource event regarding sexual abuse and domestic violence on Sat; and the Wheat State Manor fundraiser that evening.

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 18 visitors) 103
Offering (Western District Conference) \$756

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

ZEST: report on Israel / Palestine learnings 6:30 P.M., Today

Mowing church: Don Regier	Before next Sun.
Mowing cemetery: Don Regier and Ray Reimer	Before next Sun.
Greeters: Dave and Karen Andres	Next Sun.
Musicians: Karen / Karen / Karen	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite World Conference	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Cong. meal / baby shower for Tim / Sarah Wedel	NOON, Apr. 30
Deacons meet	7 P.M., May 2
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., May 8
Parent/Child Dedication of Asher Andres	May 14
Teacher Appreciation luncheon	NOON, June 4

Pray This Week for...

- Vern Klingenberg, as he recovers from an injury to his foot; he spent a couple days in hospital this last week for treatment.
- God's wisdom and grace to surround WDC participants gathering this Saturday for a resourcing event on congregational ministry in the face of sexual abuse and domestic violence.

Zion Mennonite Church

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April 23, 2017

Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

*Gathering Hymn "Low in the grave he lay" HWB #273

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, and Prelude

Scripture John 20:19-31

*Call to Worship from *Words for Worship* 2, #57

Leader: Like Thomas, we seek solid proof that you are present in our struggles.

People: Forgive our unbelief.

L: We collapse in fear and doubt and tremble in the face of difficulties.

P: Forgive our unbelief.

L: Like the psalmist, give us courage to praise you with every breath we take and every thing we have!

P: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn "Breathe on me, breath of God" HWB #356

Children's Time Annette Voth

Scripture Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Message "A story to tell" Ray Reimer

*Response Hymn "I love to tell the story" HWB #398

Offering *Mennonite Central Committee*

Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns, Prayer Rosie Epp

*Sending Hymn "We walk by faith" HWB #570

*Benediction and Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Congregational Announcements

Apr. 23, at 6:30 P.M.: This Sun. evening Pastors Ray and Rosie will host a **ZEST** in which they'll share some of the perspectives they learned from various groups regarding the social / political scene in Israel / Palestine, as well as share some treats. This hopefully will be a prelude to further discussion we will have as a congregation about the Mennonite Church USA resolution to be considered at the assembly in Orlando this summer.

Graduates! Parents and Grandparents! We try to recognize those commencing from school programs each season. Please inform Pastor Ray via note or e-mail *by Thur., Apr. 27* of any such transitions, noting name of student, school, degree, program/major, commencement ceremony date, date/time/place of reception (if desired), and future plans if they are known.

Apr. 30, Noon: All of the congregation is invited to a **baby shower** for Tim and Sara Wedel following church; a meal will be served. Please come and celebrate the upcoming arrival of their son.

Learning and Action Opportunities

April is **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. is offering four booklets that could help you and your congregation create a community of care for those affected by sexual violence and to find ways to act against it: 1) Understanding sexual abuse by a church leader or caregiver; 2) Abuse: Response and prevention – A guide for church leaders; 3) Created Equal: Women and Men in the Image of God; 4) Pornography: Lies, Truth and Hope. [*All of these are available in Zion's library*]. Or, you may order these free booklets for yourself: email <resources@mcc.org> or call toll free, (888) 563-4676.

As immigration enforcement tightens in the U.S., women, children and teens from Central America who are fleeing domestic and sexual violence in their home countries encounter quick deportation or harsher legal processes and extended detention when they seek refuge in the U.S. To learn more about this issue, including how to speak with your legislators about acting compassionately, read this **Action Alert** from the MCC U.S. Washington Office, mcc.org/protect-women-children.

Service and Employment Openings

Service Adventure leaders are needed to help guide young adults in their ongoing discovery of who God is and how God is calling them into vocation. The leaders will live with young adults in household setting and integrate them in local congregations. See: <<https://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/Service%20Adventure>>

There are still openings for **kitchen staff at Camp Mennoscah** for the weeks of June 11-17, July 9-13, and July 30-Aug. 4. Meet new folks, smile at campers, and cool off in the swimming pool. Contact: 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Volunteer staff needed at **The International Guest House in Washington, D.C.** with flexibility of two months to a full year (currently scheduling 2018-19) for the ministry of Christian hospitality. Volunteers are provided full room and board and a monthly stipend of \$140. Rotating hospitality duties include cleaning, maintenance, baking, and hosting breakfast / evening tea. Contact: <sarafretzgoering@gmail.com> or current staff at <igh.dc.us@gmail.com> or (202) 726-5808.

Bethel College seeks a **full-time administrative assistant** to the director of development and the Annual Fund director, providing support services to the development office, including database management, processing donor gifts and office management. For a full job description and application, see www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/people/career-opportunities/

In the Future...

June 5-10: **Community VBS** will be held at the Remington Middle School in Whitewater, with the theme "Over the Moat-Drawbridge to the King." If interested in helping, contact Carol Klingenberg.

July 11-26: **IEExplore** – A Theological Program for High School Youth gives students in grades 10-12 an opportunity to explore ministry through a Congregational Experience and a Group Experience. Applications *now being accepted* at ambs.edu/explore.

Aug. 4-6: **Western District Conference Annual Assembly**, at Double Tree Hilton Hotel Arlington: DFW South in Texas.